

Davidic Covenant

The seed of Abraham had been in the land of Canaan for almost 350 years. They had not experienced the enjoyment of the land as God had intended. The land has suffered, the enemies of Israel had not been defeated and were a constant threat. In 2 Sam. 7:1 David becomes king of Israel. One of David's goals is to build a house for God in Jerusalem, however God decides that Solomon will build it, 2 Sam. 7:2-13. While David does not build the temple, God does establish a covenant with David. This covenant will be unconditional, and have special significance concerning the Kingdom of God.

The Covenant

- A. God promised that Judah would eventually rule, Gen. 49:8-10.
- B. Israel had rejected the Theocratic rule and wanted to be like other nations.
- C. Saul was the first king and he failed spiritually and politically.
- D. David, the second king established Jerusalem as the religious center of Israel.
- E. David is a descendant of Judah, just as God had determined.

Participants in the Covenant

- A. God- 2 Sam. 7:8-16
- B. Israel- 2 Sam. 7:10-11
- C. Solomon- 2 Sam. 7:12-15
- D. David- 2 Sam. 7:9, 11, 16

Elements of the Covenant

- A. David's name made great- 2 Sam. 7:9
- B. David would have rest from his enemies. . This would take place in the life time of David. 2 Sam. 7:11
- C. David would have a house. The "house," refers to a ruling dynasty, physical decedents. 2 Sam 7:16
- D. David would have a kingdom- 2 Sam. 7:16
- E. David would have a throne, this has reference to his authority, and this throne would be eternal-2Sam. 7:16

Terms of the Covenant

A. This is an unconditional covenant. God stated no conditions when He established this covenant with David. The fulfillment of its promises depends totally on the faithfulness of God, not the faithfulness of David, his descendants, or Israel.

B. This is an eternal covenant (Jer. 33:20-21). Israel must be preserved as a nation and eventually return to the land and David's son, Jesus the Messiah, would return to rule the kingdom. Jesus will rule a literal earthly kingdom.

Christ and the Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant

This covenant was made with David, and he experienced some of the blessings, however the ultimate fulfillment will be when Jesus returns to rule and reign.

A. Ps. 110:1-2 Messiah at Father's right hand until time to return.

B. Jer. 30:7-9 The "time of Jacob's trouble," will prepare the way for Christ's eternal rule.

C. Daniel 7:13-14 The everlasting kingdom is a part of the Davidic covenant.

D. Isa. 9:6-7 A reference to the reign of Christ in his kingdom.

E. Amos 9:11 God will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen. Note "in that day."

F. Zech. 14:4-9 Jesus will be king after returning to the Mt. of Olives at his second coming.

G. Mt. 19:28(Ro.8:18-22) Jesus will rule in glory and restore the earth.

H. Mt. 25:31-46 The reign of Jesus will begin after the Tribulation, prior to beginning He will judge the Gentiles, and the kingdom be started only with believers.